The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 6 OF 2014

WHEREAS, the Grange organization has served as a beacon of citizenship and civility since its founding in 1867; and

WHEREAS, the Grange organization was chartered in Centre County under the leadership of Leonard Rhone in 1874 growing from his leadership; today there are 12 subordinate Granges serving Centre County; and

WHEREAS, social interaction and educational efforts, are the keystones that have allowed great achievements in non-partisan legislative action, and much needed service projects of the Grange which have benefited the communities and states in which our members reside; and

WHEREAS, our great nation has benefited from the Grange never forgetting that we are an Order whose members believe in American Values and Hometown Roots; and

WHEREAS, the Grange has remained true to the ideal of developing a better and higher manhood and womanhood by ensuring that each member is given the opportunity to rise to their full potential as leaders, as Americans, and as a contributing part of mankind; and

WHEREAS, the Grange includes all members of the family within our organization to meet, talk, work and in general act together for our mutual protection and advancement; and

WHEREAS, the values of the Grange are needed by America, now more than ever;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **April 2014**, to be "**Grange Month**" in Centre County and encourages all citizens to observe this month by participating in appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2014.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steven G. Dershem, Chairman

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